

Come to the Light

*Come to the light of a Savior. Come to the light of a King.
Son of God, Redeemer; to Him, the angels sing.
Glory to God in the Highest; Glory to God, our King.
Come to the light of Jesus, Come to the light.
Come to the light. Come to the light, our King.*

Hallelujah! Lord of Light

**Congregation:*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of Light!
Lord of giving and forgiving, bless us on this holy night.
Christ, our Savior, blessed Redeemer,
Joy from heaven to earth come down.
Praises sing to God, our Father, for this One who wears a crown.*

BENEDICTION

*Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Giver of eternal Light!
Glory to the Son of Mary, born to us this holy night.
Sing to God our songs of praises. Hallelujah! Let us sing!
Raise to God our joyful chorus, “Glory to the Newborn King!”*

*Choir only:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!*

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
David Furr, Organist

<u>Choir:</u>	<u>Soprano:</u>	Jill Loomis	<u>Narrators:</u>
	Elaine Cornillaud	Aimee McDermott	
	Rachelle Cox	Claudia Mitcham	<u>Instruments:</u>
	Susan Curry	Mary Sue Schell	
	Kay Ferguson	Jeanne Stephen	Violin: Melanie Schulz
	Sandee Gares	Emily Sutphin	Violin: Mary Loos
	Rollie Haugen		Viola: Virginia Lamboley
	Marion Homer		Cello: Lyle Lamboley
	Kristen Ingram		Flute: Adrienne Clover
	Lea Kirdatt		Oboe: Darlene Davis
	Debbie Lang		Clarinet: Tony Fuoco
	Jessie Lusk		Bassoon: Kevin O’Leary
	Mary McCauley		French Horn: Laura O’Leary
	Vickie Mills		Piano/Organ: David Furr
	Gail Rothrock		
	Betty Spoerl		
	Mickey Stewart		
	Michele White		
	Mary Ellen Zeigler		
	<u>Alto:</u>		
	Babs Bailey		
	Melanie Brown		
	Emily Cantin		
	Susan Gajentan		
	Barbara Jordan		
	Sally Keith		

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz
The Presbyterian Women, Sisters in Christ, meets on the second Tuesday of the month with our next meeting on January 9th at 10:00am in rooms 5 & 7. We are studying *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir. Books are available for purchase in the office. The cost is \$5. Please plan to join us!

Fresh Brewed,
Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month with our next meeting on January 5th at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. We are studying the book, “*Prayer, Does It Make a Difference?*” by Phillip Yancey. If you need a book or have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Biblical TakeAways, led by Claudia Alwood
The adult Sunday School/Bible Study will take a break December 17th-31st. We will resume on January 7th at 10:00am in room 5. We will study the healing of the women with the flow of blood and the raising of Jairus’ daughter in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and John. All are welcome! Bring your Bible.

Citylight Youth Schedule

Sunday, December 17th
10:00 am - Christmas Cantata– Sanctuary
11:05 am - Sunday School– Youth Room

Wednesday, December 20th
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight– Youth Room

Friday, December 22nd
10:15 am - 3:15 pm - Metropolitan Ministries
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Youth & Families Christmas Party at Game Night in the Youth Room

Sunday, December 24th
10:00 am - One Church Service– Sanctuary
4:30 pm - Contemporary Christmas Eve Service– Sanctuary
7:00 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Service– Sanctuary

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
<https://mailchi.mp/25ab58d39ef3/citylightupdate322022-13537516>

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

December 17, 2023



Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
December 17, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM Worship Service/Cantata

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNARY “Sheep May Safely Graze” Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord;
People: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
People: God sends good news to the oppressed.
Leader: Rejoice in the Lord; again, rejoice!
People: Be gentle to all: the Lord is near.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center isle.)

*HYMN #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY;
Lighting the Candle—Sue Miskiewicz & Patty Martin
The reader offers words about the candle of joy.

RESPONSE DIX
All singing: **Light a candle bright and tall for the Joy this season brings.
Joy like fountains brimming full,
through our world now let it ring
Shine within our hearts today, come O Joy, to us, we pray.**
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CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
God of birth, God of Joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GLORIA PATRI
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Darkness Into Light
by Mary McDonald

Come to the Light
Barbara Jordan, Soloist

*Come to the light of a Savior. Come to the light of a King.
Son of God, Redeemer; to Him, the angels sing.
“Glory to God in the highest.” Praises to Him we bring.
Follow the light of our Savior. Come to the light, our King.*

*God of glory, Lord of light, sing to Him this Holy night.
Come, behold this wondrous sight: Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!
Come to the light of our Savior. Come to the child, a King.
Come to the light of Jesus.
Come to the light. Come to the light, our King.*

Come All Ye Faithful

*Come, all ye faithful.
Come into the light and see this Child who is born tonight.
“Glory to God,” the angels sing. Come, worship Christ the King!
Come adore Him. Lift every voice and sing,
“Gloria, gloria,” to our Savior and King!*

*Gloria, sing, “Gloria in excelsis Deo.”
Gloria, sing, “Gloria in excelsis Deo!” Come! O, come!*

*O, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels. Sing in exultation.
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him! O, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

Come to the Light
Dennis Rasmussen, Soloist

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven’s all gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing!
Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing.
And ever o’er its Babel sounds, the blessed angels sing!*

*For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years, shall come the time foretold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song, which now the angels sing.*

Sing We All Noel
Randy Ball, Soloist

Noel! Now sing we Noel! We sing! Noel! Now sing we, sing we all Noel!

*See now the shining star that will lead us to One so far.
To the earth, it gave great light. Let’s go to see it this holy night!
Singing Noel! Singing Noel! Sing we all Noel!*

*See now this wondrous sight. See the Christ Child that’s born tonight.
From the darkness, He gave great light. Let’s go to see Him this Holy night!
Singing Noel! Singing Noel! Sing we all Noel! Noel! Singing Noel!
Sing we all Noel!*

Candlelight Christmas Cannon
Rachelle Cox, Soloist

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
‘round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, darkness flies, all is light.
Shepherds hear the angels sing, “Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born”
Silent night, holy, holy night, all is calm, all is bright!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;
radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.
Silent night, holy, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light.*

*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born, our Savior!
Christ the Savior is born!*

Rise Up, Children, Arise!
Kay Ferguson, Soloist

*Rise up! Rise up! Rise up, children, and follow! Rise up! Rise up! Rise up!
Children, arise!*

*There’s a Baby born in Bethlehem. Rise up, children!
And a star will lead us straight to Him. Rise up, children arise!
Take each other by the hand. Follow, children!
Go and tell the news to every land! Rise up, children, arise!
Go and tell that He is born! He is born! Tell the news this joyful morn!*

*Take each other by the hand. Go and tell the news to every land!
Rise up, children arise! Take each other by the hand. Follow, children!
Go and tell the news to every land! Rise up, children arise!
Rise up! Follow! Rise up, children, and follow!
Follow the star now to Bethlehem! Rise up, children, arise!*

*Go, tell it on the mountain; over the hills and everywhere!
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
Children, go, tell it on the mountain; over the hills and everywhere!
Children, go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born, is born!
Rise, children, arise! Arise!*

Darkness Into Light
Claudia Mitcham & Michele White, Soloists

*Out of the night, there came a Son; a Holy Child, the Holy One.
He came as hope, peace, joy, and love.
He brought the Light of God from heaven above.
The Son of God, Emmanuel; the Prince of Peace with us to dwell.
God sent His only Son that Christmas night;
and turned our darkness into light!*

*O come to us. Abide with us; God with us, Emmanuel.
With heart and voice, we will rejoice!
You are the Light of God sent from above.
The Son of God, Emmanuel; the Prince of Peace with us to dwell.
God sent His only Son that Christmas night;
and turned our darkness into light!
He turned our darkness into light!*